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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 2 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 10:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, every good and perfect gift comes from You alone, for with You there is no variation or shadow of turning. May we place our hope in You and never forget how You have sustained us in the past. Lord, give our Senators the wisdom to trust You in the small things, realizing that faithfulness with the least prepares them for fidelity with the much. May they trust You to do what is best for America in good times and in bad. Inspire each of us to stand for right even though the heavens fall.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the motion to proceed to S. 815, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, will be adopted and the Senate will begin consideration of the bill.

Senators will be notified when votes are scheduled.

OBAMACARE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, Kimberly Cates is no stranger to the struggles that come with living without health insurance in America. She works at a health clinic that treats uninsured Kentuckians. The clinic does not provide its employees with health insurance. Over the last few years she has racked up \$15,000 in medical bills and recently filed for bankruptcy. Last week, after a month of considering her options, Mrs. Cates signed up for health insurance for the first time in many years. The plan will cost \$17 a month—I repeat, \$17 a month—and every hospital near her home will accept her new insurance. This is the difference ObamaCare is making, and Mrs. Cates is only one example of the success of Kentucky's new health insurance exchange created under the Affordable Care Act.

More than 1,000 Kentucky residents have signed up for affordable health insurance every single day since the exchange opened, according to the Huffington Post, which reported Mrs. Cates' story.

Across the country, in States such as Kentucky that have opened their own exchanges, Americans are signing up for quality, affordable, insurance plans, often for the first time in many years.

The national rollout of the ObamaCare Web site was rocky, to say the least. Problems with the site must and will be fixed. But we should not lose sight of important victories happening in living rooms and libraries and community centers across the country, victories like the one Mrs. Cates celebrated last week. ObamaCare

is more than a Web site. For tens of millions of Americans who have been living without insurance, ObamaCare is a lifeline. But rather than work with Democrats to fix the problems in this landmark law, Republicans in Washington are busy complaining about it instead. Meanwhile, Republican Governors in States such as Nevada, Ohio, New Jersey, and Michigan are helping more residents of their States access health care by expanding Medicaid coverage.

One Nevada woman contacted my office saying that she is counting the days until January, 2014, when her new health insurance plan will take effect and she can finally go to the doctor.

In the past she has been denied health insurance because of a pre-existing condition, but now she qualifies for a plan she can afford under Nevada's Medicaid expansion, led by Republican Governor Brian Sandoval. Thanks to ObamaCare, Americans like her can no longer be denied insurance because they are a cancer survivor, a woman, a diabetic, or had acne when they were younger. That is one of the many benefits of this new law.

Under ObamaCare, insurance companies will no longer be allowed to cancel your policy when you get sick or because you are a woman or set an arbitrary limit on the care you receive. In Nevada alone, tens of thousands of seniors have saved tens of millions on medicine because ObamaCare closed the gap in prescription drug coverage.

More than 3 million young people, including 33,000 young adults, stayed on their parents' health insurance plans because of ObamaCare, and hundreds of

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